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SUBJECT: IMCO: SELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. IMCO COUNCIL JUNE 6 SELECTED INDIAN CANDIDATE
SRIVASTAVA TO SUCCEED GOAD AS SECRETARY GENERAL (SUBJECT
TO CONFIRMATION BY ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER WHICH EXPECTED
TO BE PRO FORMA.) SELECTION WAS ON FIRST BALLOT BY VOTE
OF 14 (US) FOR SRIVASTAVA, 3 FOR FRENCH CANDIDATE QUEGUI-
NER AND ONE FOR FRG CANDIDATE BREUER. SRIVASTAVA
ACCEPTED FOUR YEAR TERM (FOLLOWING PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED
IN INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF GOAD) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
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2. UNEXPECTED DEGREE OF UNANIMITY OBTAINED ON FIRST BALLOT AMONG FIELD OF FIVE CANDIDATES (SYRIAN CANDIDATE HAD PREVIOUSLY WITHDRAWN) WAS PRECIPITATED AT OUTSET OF NOMINATIONS WHEN GHANA REP (HIGH COMMISSIONER LONDON) WITHDREW CANDIDACY OF MENSAH IN FAVOR OF SRIVASTAVA, EXPLAINING GHANA DID SO TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR REMAINING LDC CANDIDATE. IN SIMILAR GESTURE NETHERLANDS THEN WITHDREW CANDIDACY OF SCHULD AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SRIVASTAVA. ONLY FRG AND FRANCE PROCEEDED WITH FORMAL NOMINATIONS OF THEIR CANDIDATES.

3. SPEAKING FOR FRG DELEGATION FRG AMBASSADOR LONDON VIGOROUSLY PROMOTED CANDIDACY OF BREUER, ASSERTING (A) FRG NOT ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED WITHIN UN SYSTEM AND HOLDS NO TOP OFFICES, (B) FRG EXPECTS TO APPLY THIS YEAR FOR UN MEMBERSHIP, AND (C) ELECTION OF BREUER WOULD ASSIST GOVERNMENT IN MAINTAINING POPULAR AND PARLIAMENTARY INTEREST IN WORK OF UN SYSTEM. FRENCH NOMINATION OF QUEGUINER WAS RESTRAINED BY COMPARISON, BUT TO LITTLE MORE EFFECT IN OUTCOME. BOTH DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED DECISION GRACIOUSLY IN STATEMENTS FOLLOWING ELECTION, AND EXCHANGES THEREAFTER AT US DEL LUNCH AT WHICH MOST PRINCIPLES WERE PRESENT INDICATED BREADTH OF SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME ARRIVED AT SO HARMONIOUSLY.
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